



## Welcome to the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) newsletter.

September 2015

We'll update all staff and volunteers working with children and young people about key information from our board meetings, every three months.

The board co-ordinates and monitors the effectiveness of safeguarding work of agencies and bodies involved in protecting children and young people across Derbyshire.

Each board meeting includes updates of sub-group activity, such as serious case reviews, CSE and policies and procedures, and a presentation by a Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnership regarding their work linked to DSCB priorities.

Other safeguarding issues affecting the county are discussed by all multi-agency partners, and the latest performance report is scrutinised.

The last Board meeting was **18 September 2015**; here is a summary of items discussed:

### Reports round-up

**The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)** presented their Annual Report outlining the work of CDOP from January 2013 to March 2015: CDOP reviews all child deaths up to the age of 18 (excluding stillbirths) to determine whether the death was preventable, and whether any modifiable factors may have contributed to the death. Highlights from the report include the work of the Baby Safe forum, a sub group of Derbyshire CDOP which has been proactive in developing the Safe Sleep Assessment and Guidance, and the Don't Shake the Baby DVD.

**DSCB Performance report:** A standing agenda item is scrutiny of the DSCB performance report which includes management information from DCC CAYA, Derbyshire Police and Health.

**Derby and Derbyshire Domestic and Sexual Violence (DVSV) update:** Lisa Morris Domestic Abuse Manager for Derbyshire provided an update.

The 2015-2018 joint City and County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy is available on the Safer Derbyshire website: [www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk)

The two main actions for year one are:

- Rebranding of the domestic abuse helpline as the first key contact for victims of domestic abuse
- Development of a campaign around the 16 days of activism including the candlelit vigil as a county wide annual event.

It was reported that a joint City and County DSCB Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) action plan is now agreed covering key elements including:

- Raising awareness
- National response
- Training
- Enforcement

- Community involvement

**Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnership report:** A report was presented by High Peak outlining the locality's progress against the DSCB priorities. A reminder of the priorities is below, but for further information of the work in the High Peak locality contact [louis.hughes@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:louis.hughes@derbyshire.gov.uk) or [faye.edwards@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:faye.edwards@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**DSCB Priorities** currently focus on:

Ensuring the effectiveness of the board is outstanding and the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in Derbyshire is the priority

- CSE and e-safety
- Children and young people affected by parental substance misuse
- Children and young people misusing substances (including legal highs)
- Emotional well-being of children and young people (including self-harm and suicide)
- Children and young people affected by domestic violence

### **New DSCB lay member**

Our second lay member, Stephanie Marbrow, was introduced to the Board. She has a background in adult safeguarding and is also a Chair of Governors in South Derbyshire. Stephanie joins Miry Gosling, our first lay member and together they will help to make links between DSCB and community groups, supporting stronger public engagement in safeguarding issues and improved public understanding of the Board's work. We are very pleased to welcome them both.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) update**

DSCB held a seminar in July 2015 for newly trained CSE leads who should be the first point of contact for guidance and support in individual agencies re CSE.

A CSE awareness event is planned for 29 September 2015 aimed at District and Borough Council colleagues. The session will include the "Chelsea's Choice" performance and launch of the Community Safety lead "Say Something if you See Something" campaign. For further information contact the Child Protection Manager for vulnerable young people [julie.oldknow@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:julie.oldknow@derbyshire.gov.uk)

DSCB/DCC continue to promote the CSE e learning to all partners, access is via membership to the CSE National Working Group, see the DSCB website for how to complete (link below).

[http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/prof\\_cse.html](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/prof_cse.html)

The e learning includes information on CSE, risk indicators and trafficking. All staff are asked to complete this.

### **Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) update**

A new serious case review is underway relating to the death of a child in May 2015. A focus of the review is neglect and baby safe sleep. A practitioner learning event to inform the review is planned for October 2015.

A decision to conduct a serious incident learning review regarding the apparent suicide of a young person in Derbyshire is awaiting sign off from the Independent Chair.

The pages of the DSCB website are currently being updated, including the addition of SCR/SILR summaries, for queries regarding these or any other SCR processes please contact the Board team on 01629 532181.

## **The next DSCB meeting is 11 December 2015**

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